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1. HAITIAN GOVERNMENT APPROACH TO U.S. TRADE ACT AND LATIN AMERICAN POLEMICS THEREON CONTINUES TO BE MODERATE, REASONED, AND LOW PROFILE. BOTH SECRETARIES BRUTUS (FOREIGN AFFAIRS) AND FOURCAND (COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY) HAVE EXPRESSED TO US THEIR DISLIKE OF LA CONFRONTATION TACTICS AS WELL AS AN APPARENT WILLINGNESS TO LOOK AT TRADE ACT OBJECTIVELY, I.E. WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES TO HAITI.

2. SECRETARY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN ATTENDING IA-ECOSOC MEETING; HOWEVER, EMBASSY EXPERIENCE IS THAT MINISTERIAL LEVEL DELEGATES OFTEN BACK OUT OF REGIONAL MEETINGS AT LAST MOMENT, RESULTING IN LOW LEVEL AND UNOBTRUSIVE HAITIAN PARTICIPATION.

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